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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EEC

SUBJECT: EC COUNCIL MEETING: REGIONAL FUND

REF: BONN 18218

1. WELL INFORMED ITALIAN SOURCE TELLS US THAT HEATH AND BRANDT DISCUSSED EEC REGIONAL POLICY ON THE MARGINS OF THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. ITALIANS UNDERSTAND THAT HEATH FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS NEEDS A SUCCESS ON REGIONAL POLICY. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN VERSION BRANDT TOLD HEATH THAT GIVEN THE GERMAN BUDETARY SITUATION IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR GERMANY TO ACCEPT A LARGE REGIONAL FUND "FOR THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR WEEKS". THE ITALIANS WHO HAVE VERY DEEP INTEREST IN THE REGIONAL FUND BELIEVE THE GERMANS WILL BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP THE BRITISH AND ITALIANS WHEN THE EEC COUNCIL MEETS IN EARLY JANUARY. REPORTEDLY BRANDT INDICATED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO FIX IT IN SOME FASHION BEFORE TOO LONG.  
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2. ITALIANS SPECUALTE THAT HARD-LINE BRITISH POSITION TAKEN BY DOUGLAS HOME IN BRUSSELS IS PART OF HEATH'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL STRATEGY TO MAKE IT LOOK AS IF HIS GOVERNMENT IS FIGHTING HARD TO OBTAIN THE MOST FOR BRITIAN. ITALIANS PROFESS TO BE

CONFIDENT THAT SOMETHING WILL BE WORKED OUT. VOLPE

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